

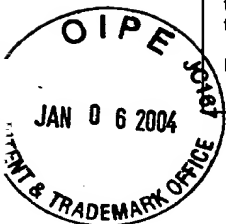
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2003 (Paper No. 8), the response period of which is extended to January 7, 2003 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.